

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1 and 10 are amended. Support for the amended claims may be found in the original specification at, for example, paragraph [0031]. No new matter is added.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Afzali and Examiner Bryant in the August 3 interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Specifically, claims 1 and 10 are amended to comply with the Examiners' helpful suggestions made during the interview.

Specification Objections

The disclosure was objected to for including a grammatical error. In particular, paragraph [0017] included the term "andat" which should be "and at."

The specification is amended to include "andat" with "and at." As such, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The title was objected to as allegedly being not descriptive. The title is amended to recite "OILING ROLLER ASSEMBLY FOR A DRUM MAINTENANCE UNIT," as suggested by the Examiner. As such, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3 and 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,125,713 ("Willingham"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Willingham fails to teach or suggest an oiling roller assembly including an oiling roller, wherein the oiling roller has a porous form body made of compressible material, as recited in claim 1.

Willingham discloses a roller (24) with a round outer tube (62) formed from aluminum. In contrast, the present claims require the oiling roller to have a porous form body made of compressible material. Aluminum, as disclosed in Willingham, is neither porous nor compressible. As such, Willingham fails to teach or suggest each and every claimed feature.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claim 1, and dependent claims thereof, are patentable over the applied reference. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Rejoinder

In response to the Restriction Requirement, claims 7-14 were withdrawn. However, in light of these withdrawn claims dependent from or otherwise including all of the features of claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests that upon allowance of claim 1, claim 7-14 should be rejoined and similarly allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3 and 5-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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